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KOL'TSOV's ACCOUNT OF A CONVERSATION
WITH "JURIST".

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[Three-part message complete]

[Part I] To VICTOR.

KOL'TSOV[i] advises: "On 4th August I arrived in TYRE [TIR][ii]. *MAKSIM [iii] has [a] since Monday.*
not yet [3 groups unrecovered]. I pass on the contents of a conversation with JURIST [YURIST][iv] on 31st July at his apartment. To my questions JURIST replied as follows:

"1. [1 group unrecovered] without attempting [3 groups unrecovered]:
(a) DECREE [DEKRET][v]

[15 groups unrecovered]

and so on. *interest*
Definitive decisions were not arrived at [C% possibly]

[26 groups unrecovered]

obtaining the document
extremely risky.

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(b)

[10 groups unrecovered]

5 to 10 years

[28 groups unrecoverable]

family of nations". On the technique of control over Germany while reparations are being paid there is for the time being no definite opinion. JURIST thinks that a definite amount of reparations should be set in marks and this amount should be subsequently reviewed and reduced if Germany fulfils her obligations; if [she does][b] not, Germany should be reoccupied.

[12 groups unrecovered]

JURIST's opinion the latter

[13 groups unrecovered]

with NABOB [NABOB][vi] or CAPTAIN [KAPITAN][vii].

[Part II]

(c) The trade policy of the COUNTRY [STRANA][viii] [1 group unrecovered] which will be put into effect by means of bilateral agreements with individual states covering 2-3 years. There will be no one set of conditions or removal of tariff barriers.

(d) Loans. In this sphere the only concrete thing that is being done is the preparation of a credit for us of 10 milliards

[13 groups unrecoverable]

..... The credit will be repaid by the export of our raw material to the COUNTRY. [2 groups unrecovered] be caused by NABOB's not being able to get conversations on this business with CAPTAIN.

2. NABOB and JURIST's trip to SMYRNA [SMIRNA][ix] is being delayed for an indefinite period [and][b] may take place after the elections. On 5th August both are leaving for NORMANDY and SIDON[x] where [7 groups unrecovered] suppose that the ISLAND [OSTROV][xi] will [1 group unrecovered] with them about DECREE[v] payments. The fact is that the ISLAND's dollar balances have

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risen as a result of the transport work and the expenditure made by the army of the COUNTRY in Europe [;] therefore the COUNTRY is demanding partial repayment of the DECREE loan

[51 groups unrecoverable]

[D% use] of amphibians.

4. The programme of the oil conference

[5 groups unrecovered, 58 groups unrecoverable]

[Part-III]

5. The role

[16 groups unrecovered]

there will be achieved a compromise agreement to exclude from the Polish Government the most hostile elements [3 groups unrecovered] Committee of Liberation [in][b] the COUNTRY

[31 groups unrecoverable]

[D% MIKOLAJ]CZYK.

7. Finland has lost the sympathy of the public in the COUNTRY, therefore the restoration of the 1940 frontier will not arouse objections from the COUNTRY.

8. As regards the Baltic Countries [PRIBALTIKA] the COUNTRY thinks that we seized them, but the restoration of the pre-war situation will not arouse any protest in the COUNTRY.

9. JURIST is convinced that CAPTAIN will win the elections if [1 group unrecovered] not [3 groups unrecovered] severe military disaster. TRUMAN's nomination is calculated to ensure the votes of the conservative wing of the party.

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As regards the technique of further work with us [C% JURIST] [2 groups unrecovered] ready for any self-sacrifice[;] he himself does not think about his personal security, but a compromise [PROVAL] would lead to a political scandal and [1 group unrecovered] of all supporters of the new course[c], therefore he should be very cautious. He asked whether he should [5 groups unrecovered] his work with us. I [C% replied] that he should refrain. JURIST has no suitable apartment

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for a permanent meeting place[;] all his friends are family people. Meetings could be held at their houses [C% if arranged so] that one meeting devolved on each every 4-5 months. He proposes occasional conversations lasting up to half an hour while driving in his automobile.

JURIST has fixed the next meeting for 17th-19th August and arranged appropriate conditions for it. He returns to CARTHAGE [KARFAGEN][xii] about the 17th of August.

I leave for CARTHAGE on the 8th of August and from there for SMYRNA[ix] on the 12th of August."

Telegraph the date of receipt of this telegram.

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MAY [MAJ][xiii]

T.N.: [a] Or "had".

[b] Inserted by translator.

[c] NOVYJ KURS in the Russian. If correct it might be a way of translating "New Deal".

Comments: [i] See S/NBF/T96 for another reference to KOL'TSOV.

[ii] TIR: NEW YORK, N.Y.

[iii] MAKSIM: Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN.

[iv] YuRIST: Harry Dexter WHITE.

[v] DEKRET: usually a cover-name for Lend-Lease in this traffic.

[vi] NABOB: Henry MORGENTHAU, Jr.

[vii] KAPITAN: Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT.

[viii] STRANA: the United States of America.

[ix] SMIRNA: MOSCOW.

[x] SIDON: LONDON.

[xi] OSTROV: Great Britain.

[xii] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.

[xiii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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